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Same message was sent to the following : Backus, American consulate, Livingston, Guatemala ; Franklin, American consulate, La Ceiba, Honduras ; Goodman, American consulate, Bluefields, Nicaragua ; Thomas, American consulate, Port Limon, Costa Rica ; Mohr, American consulate, Bocas del Toro, Colombia ; Peters, American consulate, Puerto Cortez, Honduras.

Executive order directing the detail of an officer of the Marine-Hospital Service on the staff of the Governor-General of Cuba.

[Circular No. 39, Division of Customs and Insular Affairs.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., June 30, 1900.

The following order of the President, relative to the Marine-Hospital Service in Cuba, is hereby published for the information and guidance of all concerned :

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
Washington, D. C., June 29, 1900.

On and after July 15, 1900, there shall be detailed on the staff of the military governor of the island of Cuba, as chief of the quarantine service established by Executive Order of January 17, 1899, a commissioned officer of the Marine-Hospital Service, who shall, on the 1st day of each month, or at such other periods as may be directed by the military governor, submit to the military governor a detailed estimate of the quarantine expenses of the island of Cuba. After the approval of such estimate by the military governor the chief quarantine officer shall make requisition for the funds required in favor of the disbursing officer or agent who shall pay the bills and vouchers on account of the quarantine service upon the certificate of an officer detailed under Executive Order of January 17, 1899, and after approval by the chief quarantine officer. The disbursing officer or agent shall render his accounts of such disbursements in accordance with the rules and instructions to carry into effect the Executive Order of May 8, 1899, relative to the military government of the United States in the island of Cuba during the maintenance of such government.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

This order to be duly proclaimed and enforced in Cuba.

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Yellow fever in Hillsboro County, Fla.

Last night, August 2, a telegram was received from Surgeon White that the health officer of Hillsboro County had wired the State quarantine officer of the presence of 2 cases of yellow fever in Hillsboro County. Surgeon White and the State quarantine officer started for Tampa at once.

Arrangement for the medical examination of immigrants arriving on freight steamers at New York.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 21, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to state that I have within the past few days had a conference with the commissioner and assistant commissioner of

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immigration in regard to the examination of a certain class of aliens entering this port, who have not heretofore received examination by a medical officer, and are said to have received only perfunctory examination by immigration officials. I refer to the passengers entering port on freight vessels.

Some of these ships from South American ports are practically passenger vessels. For many years past these vessels have been boarded by inspectors of the Immigration Service who have resided at the New York Quarantine Station and made use of the transportation facilities of the State quarantine officer. The passengers examined by them do not pass through the barge office and since the examination of immigrants at this port by the Federal Government was first established, there has been no provision for the medical examination of these passengers. In order to perform his duty a medical inspector must necessarily board a ship along with the immigrant inspectors; therefore, medical inspection of these aliens is impracticable under the present conditions unless the medical inspectors also reside at the quarantine station; nor has medical inspection of these persons been requested by the immigration authorities.

The figures given me by the commissioner show that for the fiscal year 1900 a total of 24,036 aliens entered on these vessels. He informs me that he has made a recommendation to the Commissioner-General of Immigration that, instead of the inspection of these aliens by the inspectors at the quarantine station, these ships be boarded by the immigrant inspectors attached to the barge office, who shall ascertain whether alien passengers are on board and order such passengers to be brought to the barge office for examination. One of the reasons given for this recommendation is that said passengers can not, under existing circumstances, receive medical examination.

This recommendation seems to me to meet the requirements of the case and certainly makes effectual provision for medical inspection without requiring any increase of the force of medical officers.

I have deemed it best to make this statement of the facts for the information of the Bureau and in order that the subject might be presented to the Department from the standpoint of the Service should such a course at any time seem advisable.

Respectfully,

L. L. WILLIAMS,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Reply.]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL
MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
Washington, D. C., July 24, 1900.

SIR: Referring to your letter of the 21st instant, reporting an arrangement by which aliens entering the port of New York on freight vessels will be examined by the medical officers of the Service at Ellis Island, I have to inform you that the plan outlined by you meets the approval of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

W. WYMAN,
Surgeon-General U. S. M. H. S.

Surgeon L. L. WILLIAMS,
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service,
Barge Office, Battery, New York, N. Y.*